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Brisket-Lovin' Aggie Comin'

We were all sad to see the "closed" sign on Howdy Burger at 3217 Center St., but the restaurant was actually sold to Brisket House, which is now open for business. Brisket House's original restaurant stands at 5775 Woodway in Houston. The owners decided to branch out, choosing Deer Park as the perfect place for their 2nd location. Brisket House has been recognized as possibly the best BBQ in Houston, according to *The Houston Press*. The high acclaim is credited to Wayne Kammerl who was pitmaster for Tom's Barbecue in College Station for many years. Wayne is bringing his obsession for the perfect brisket to Deer Park. He smokes the meat each night for 15 hours with a combination of Oak and Pecan to give it a truly unique flavor. He still serves the "Aggie Special" (now called the House Special); pick your meats served on butcher paper along with a chunk of cheddar cheese, a whole pickle, half an onion and bread. They have BBQ plates, sandwiches, stuffed baked potatoes and a salad bar with dine in, carry out and catering. Call (281) 884-8058 or browse the menu at www.thebriskethouse.com.

Happy Anniversary to Eclipse

Deer Park residents Carina and Jose Pantoja are the owners of Eclipse Massage & Spa, celebrating its fifth anniversary this month. The business currently occupies 1,600 square feet at 4132 Center St. There are, however, plans to construct a new 2,500 square foot Tuscan-style spa building on Center Street next year. An interesting fact is that over 60% of Eclipse's customers are men. This might be because the business opted not to offer hair or nail services, electing instead to focus on promoting health, weight-loss and skin-care. Eclipse features all types of massage, skin treatments, facials, waxing, laser hair removal, B-12 injections, Juvederm, Lipo B injections and more. Treat yourself soon by calling (281) 478-0300 or visiting www.eclipse-massage.com.



Loan Depot Arrives

The Loan Depot will soon open at 3717 Center Street in Phase II of the Shoppes at Town Square retail center (next door to Sport Clips). With over 40 other locations throughout Texas, the Loan Depot offers a one-stop-shop for all your financial needs. They arrange "cash for title" loans, personal loans, tax preparation, auto insurance, 30-day and Payday Loan Payoffs, plus more. You can learn more at www.yourloandepot.com.

Town Square Update

Over \$26 million worth of development has recently occurred near the intersection of Center St. and Pasadena Blvd. Providence Town Square senior apartments, 3801 Center St., reports all construction will be completed by July 2012. They are now 25% occupied. The lower-rent level units are in highest demand and have a waiting-list of 20 people. All remaining units are now available with no waiting list. Just in front of this development is Rob Johnson's master retail development Shoppes at Town Square retail center, Phases I – III. Mr. Johnson collaborated with the senior apartment's developer prior to construction, making sure the two developments had similar exteriors and appearance. It is remarkable Deer Park saw such massive construction projects in the midst of a downturn, but both developers consistently expressed their confidence in Deer Park's economy and are now being proven right. The phone number for the apartments is (281) 479-3555. You can reach Rob Johnson Interests at (713) 957-2552.



Look What's Cookin' at Two Cities

Two Cities Restaurant, located at 6915 Spencer Highway, just hired critically-acclaimed Chef Frank Triola (his meatballs were featured on the Rachael Ray Show) and revamped the menu. Great reviews are pouring in for the two-year old restaurant. Frank is the grandson of Frank "Papa" Azzarelli, who made Houston history by opening Houston's first Italian restaurant, Azzarelli's Spaghetti House, in 1945. Chef Frank Triola has owned several successful restaurants of his own, plus he was Team Chef for the Houston Rockets and personal chef for numerous sports figures, including Yao Ming. Their new menu features authentic Italian favorites plus the traditional Southern comfort foods. They have a "Family Take-Out" menu for \$32 that generously feeds four. Chef Frank is also beefing up the catering business and they have meeting rooms to hold groups up to 200 people. Get more information by calling (281) 479-1950 or visit www.twocitiesgrill.com.

Spring Cleaning (and Moving) for DP Vacuum & Sewing

Deer Park Vacuum & Sewing recently moved their business down the street one block to 8357 Spencer (in the large shopping center at the corner of Luella and Spencer). Deer Park resident Brian Doxtader has owned this business for over 20 years. Along with his son, Shawn, they carry the best professional carpet and floor care equipment on the market today, plus parts for most vacuum cleaners. They also carry janitorial supplies, sewing machines and parts, pest and odor control products and much more. Deer Park Vacuum & Sewing is a full-service dealer assisting you sales, repairs and warranty work. Learn more about them at www.dpvac.com or call (281) 479-6560.





Christie's Make-Over Leads to Lion's Mane

Deer Park resident Phillip Christie has owned Christie's Barbershop for decades, first locating at 2606 Center Street in 1989. The torch has now been passed, as Mr. Christie recently sold the business to long-time employee, John Henry. Mr. Henry has changed the name to Lion's Mane, but that is the only change you will see for a while. Mr. Christie remains working daily at the barbershop for at least one more year, as he is not quite ready to retire just yet. Stop by for a haircut or just to wish them continued success. You can also call the shop at (281) 476-9922.

ERS Expands

After spending 30 years at their location down the street in Pasadena, Environmental Rental Services has relocated to a much larger facility at 1316B Underwood in Deer Park. This nationwide company, headquartered in Rockdale, Texas, rents industrial cleaning equipment including wet/dry vacuum trucks and roll-off hoists. With a local fleet of 80 trucks, this service and repair company brings 4 new employees to Deer Park and has big plans for expansion at the new location. Find out more information at www.ersvacrent.com.



California Company Moves HQ to Deer Park

Global NuTech Inc. recently moved its corporate headquarters from Huntington Beach California to 1602 Old Underwood in Deer Park. They also just changed their name to Texas Gulf Energy and acquired Deer Park-based Fishbone Solutions, Ltd., along with several other companies. Their CEO said this area was a much better fit for the business, describing our region as the 'center of the universe' when it comes to oil and gas refining. The company's primary focus is refinery and plant construction. They will also offer service industries, staffing and engineering services. Their current head count is 25, but plans are to employ up to 1,500 once operating worldwide. Visit them at www.globalnutechinc.com.

Hampton Inn Gets Upgrades and Preferences

Always looking to improve their guests' experience, the Hampton Inn Deer Park recently upgraded their rooms with a state of the art HDTV system featuring over 200 channels (130 HD and 15 HBO – all free). The breakfast buffet was also upgraded to include made-to-order waffles and oatmeal. It is no surprise that the hotel was recently awarded AAA 3 DIAMOND for excellence in service and cleanliness. The Deer Park hotel was also selected (again) as the preferred hotel for the San Jacinto Museum of History. The 8-year old hotel, located at 1450 Center Street, will host a variety of groups and event participants during the upcoming San Jacinto Festival and Battle Reenactment, which will be held April 21 at the San Jacinto Monument. Get more information at www.sanjacinto-museum.org and www.hamptoninn.com.



Bits & Pieces



- Chick-fil-A reports the new Deer Park restaurant should open June 7th. The restaurant is being constructed at East Blvd. @ Spencer Hwy. Remember the first 100 qualified customers on opening day receive a Grand Prize of one Chick-fil-A Meal per week for a year. Participants must comply with the official rules, listed on the Chick-fil-A website under the “Locations” tab.
- Deer Park’s RT Services now features outdoor landscape lighting systems, architectural and event lighting. Visit www.rtlightingservices.com to view their “Spring Special” coupon.
- If you have kids, ages newborn to pre-teen, check out the revamped Serendipity Kids, 4102 Center St., offering boutique-style clothing, accessories and gifts.
- Somethin’ Sweet cupcake shop at 4201 Center St. now offers a daily lunch menu, including yummy homemade chicken-pot-pie on Wednesdays.
- Lola’s Resale Shop will open early April at 4514 Center St., carrying surprisingly upscale, fashionable items including clothing for men, women and kids, plus jewelry, toys, household items and furniture.
- Congratulations to ODIN Industrial Demolition & Asset Recovery, LLC, recently selected as MeadWestvaco’s “Contractor of the Year” for 2011. ODIN was also named Deer Park Chamber’s Business of the Year for 2011.
- Liberty Mortgage’s “Community Shred Event” will be held Wednesday, May 2nd, 9 a.m. to noon at 4802 Center St., benefitting Helping Hands Food Pantry in Deer Park. Bring your private documents to shred and food items to donate (cash donations also accepted). Call (281) 542-7392 for more information.
- Did you know that “containerization” was born in 1956 when the world’s first container ship unloaded at the Port of Houston after setting sail from New York? The Port’s container tonnage has been steadily growing ever since. In 2011, the Port recorded the largest amount of container tonnage in its history.

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